

The Times' Daily Short Story.

The Social Objections to Mrs. Tripp

(Original.)
Mrs. Muggleton Mason was one of the elite of Groveton. There were disadvantages to be overcome in attaining and maintaining this position, but Mrs. Mason possessed the special facilities required to overcome them. For instance, her husband was a horse trader—a horse trader on a large scale, to be sure, but still a horse trader. When the wife of a horse trader, Mrs. Mason, that lady retorted: "My husband buys and sells horses; your husband buys and sells molasses. What's the difference?"

One evening on the train from the city where Mrs. Mason had been shopping she was talking to Mrs. Edwards, also a member of the smart set of Groveton. Mrs. Edwards was not only wealthy, but her family had been wealthy before her for a hundred years. Mrs. Mason appreciated this and proposed to ingratiate herself with the highborn dame by a bit of social conversation.

"There are some of our set," said Mrs. Mason—her voice was loud and harsh—"who are constantly upholding some one trying to get in with us who doesn't belong with us. Several of our best ladies are visiting with that young Mrs. Tripp, whose efforts to appear respectable are absurd. At the Arlington reception she wore a dress that I recognized as having once belonged to Mrs. Chesborough. She'd so changed and improved it that one would have scarcely recognized it. Not that I would deny such people a place among us, provided they can live as we do, but they can't. Besides, Mrs. Tripp doesn't give a very satisfactory account of her husband's continued absence. Land knows whether she's married at all or not."

Behind the two ladies sat a man in a broad brimmed hat and a woolen shirt under a coat much the worse for wear, but his features belied his costume. Notwithstanding an appearance of hard work they were intellectual.

"Well, Hogan, I believe," he said, bending forward and looking Mrs. Mason in the eye as she turned, with a face alternately white and scarlet. "I don't know you," she said, drawing away with poorly assumed hauteur. "Nevertheless you have served me with antelope steak and flapjacks in Grindstone. But I see you are changed. I heard you had married Mrs. Mason, that he drove a lot of horses east just in time to fill a big order for the government before the Spanish war and that he has been making money in horseflesh ever since."

Mrs. Mason was taken flat aback. She made several efforts to clear herself from the man's insinuations and finally muttered that he had got her

mixed with some one else. Then she turned her back on him and said to Mrs. Edwards:

"He is some enemy who has an object, but I can't guess what it is."

The train was at the moment stopping at a station. The two ladies alighted, each taking her carriage to her home.

Mrs. Atwater, one of the ladies who had been helping Mrs. Tripp in her efforts to keep up a position to which she had been born, gave a ball. Mrs. Mason was there, and Mrs. Tripp was there. Mrs. Tripp started the assembly by entering dressed in a gown fresh from the hands of its maker, but this was not the most surprising feature about Mrs. Tripp's entrance. She leaned on the arm of a gentleman unknown to the Grovetonians, whom she introduced as her husband. As the couple made their way to speak to the hostess every eye in the room was leveled at them.

"Where did she get that dress? Where on earth has the man been? Wonder if it's another case of get rich quick?" were some of the questions the guests asked of each other.

As Mr. and Mrs. Tripp walked away from the hostess they met Mr. and Mrs. Mason walking up to her.

"Hello, Mason!"

Mason started at the speaker for some moments, then, making a virtue of necessity, said:

"Hello, Mr. Tripp! What are you doing here?"

"The cut-off's finished. Civil engineers are no longer wanted. You didn't finish the dirt moving you undertook, did you?"

"No," stammered Mason. "I didn't."

Mrs. Mason, who by this time recognized under his evening dress the rough looking man who had spoken to her in the car, pulled her husband on.

"Goodness gracious, is that Mr. Tripp, who had charge of the cut-off?"

"Yes, and, besides being engineer in chief, he took a big contract. I had a subcontract under him to remove a million yards of dirt. I found I had bid too low and left the territory."

There was a brief pause, at the end of which the wife said:

"He's the man I told you about who knew me when I sold hash in Grindstone. I see it all now. I was objecting to his wife being received in this society, and he overheard me. He hasn't any cause to love me since you threw up your contract and left him in the lurch, and I poured hot shot in his hearing at his wife. I wonder why he's been keeping her so low for dust?"

"Needed every cent he could scrape to fill his contract."

"Well," added the wife, pursuing a vernacular to which she was most accustomed, "I reckon we're done for in this corner. We'd better light out and try another."

"Reckon you're talkin' United States, Moll."

And so it was that the Masons moved on and the Tripp family moved up.

NELLIE EDNA CURTIS.

his home. Mrs. Fowler says that his physicians are sure that it will not be long before he will be almost entirely recovered. Nervous breakdown is said to be the nature of the illness.

TO CLOSE BALTIC SEA

Denmark Makes War Pledge to Germany

BERLIN GUARANTEES

Denmark's Integrity—France Prepares to Exclude Our Pork—British Premier Declares for Old-Age Pension Laws

London, Nov. 22.—According to the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail, Denmark and Germany have entered into a treaty to close the Baltic fleets hostile to Germany in time of war. It will be remembered that the value of such an agreement was discussed in Germany some time ago. It is now arranged, and one of the objects of the King of Denmark's present visit to Berlin is to ratify it. Germany guarantees the integrity of Denmark in return for the privilege of closing the sound between Denmark and Sweden to any hostile fleet trying to attack Kiel or other of the Baltic ports. This, according to the correspondent has been the object of the Kaiser's patient courting of Denmark in recent years. The agreement is of such a character that official denials of its existence can always be made apparently truthful. It even makes it possible for Denmark to put up a make-believe protest when the time for the fulfillment of the agreement arrives.

ENGLAND EXCLUDES CHINESE.

First Case Before The Immigration Bureau.

London, Nov. 22.—The first attempt to exclude Chinese from landing in Great Britain is now occupying the attention of the immigration board. Thirty-two Chinamen from Hong Kong who arrived at Gravesend Monday, on their way to Liverpool, where they had been engaged to work in laundries, were refused permission to land, the immigration officers contending that the Chinamen lacked means to support themselves. The case was appealed to the immigration board and after consideration decision was postponed, the chairman of the board pointing out that this was the first case under the law (the new aliens act) and one of great importance.

FRANCE BARS AMERICAN PORK.

Change in American Regulations The Alleged Reason.

Paris, Nov. 22.—The elimination of the microscopic examination of pork from the new American meat inspection regulations has resulted in a preliminary decision on the part of the French customs authorities barring American ham, bacon, tinned pork, etc. Ambassador McCormick, under instructions from Washington, made energetic representations to the foreign office, pointing out that while the microscopic examination

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POLICE WATCH ANARCHISTS.

To Prevent Anarchist Demonstration During King George's Visit.

Rome, Nov. 22.—The Anarchists held a meeting here today and discussed the advisability of making a demonstration against the police during the approaching sojourn in Rome of King George of Greece. The most energetic measures have been taken by the police to prevent disorders. All people not inhabitants of the city and without occupation will be sent away from Rome before King George arrives.

CONGO FREE STATE REFORM.

Compulsory Labor in District of Katanga Is Abolished.

Brussels, Nov. 22.—The government of the Congo Independent state has accepted the recommendation of the commission of inquiry into the administration of that state and has abolished compulsory labor in the district of Katanga.

Hereafter the negroes will pay their taxes in money.

BIG FIRE AT TOULON.

Warships in Course of Construction Are Saved With Difficulty.

Toulon, France, Nov. 22.—The main portions of the dockyards of the Societe des Forges et Chantiers were destroyed by fire yesterday. The foreign warships in course of construction were saved with difficulty. The loss will amount to several million francs.

Nosebleed.

When the nose is bleeding never hold it over a basin or hold the head down in any way. This only causes further rush of blood to the broken tissues in the nose. The head should be held up and back, the flow being caught in handkerchiefs or cloths. One of the most effective and simple means of checking a nosebleed is to press on the upper lip.

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POISON SQUAD

MEMBER DEAD

Freeman's Mother Declares He Was Killed

BY WILEY'S EXPERIMENTS

Will Sue the Government—But Squad Volunteered and Agreed to Absolve Authorities from Blame in Case of Disaster.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Because his health was undermined by eating poison as a member of Dr. H. W. Wiley's first "poison squad," Robert Vance Freeman, aged twenty-three, is dead. This is the charge made by his mother, Mrs. Lurea Lathan of this city.

The young man died Tuesday night of tuberculosis, contracted, as his mother declares, from the effects of the adulterants he ate in the interest of science. Borax and boric acid were fed to the class of young men who first volunteered three years ago to test on themselves the effect of adulterants. Freeman was one of these.

Mrs. Lathan declares that she will seek to recover damages from the government, though the volunteers for the "poison squad" signed contracts agreeing to absolve the government from blame for any ill results of the experiment by Dr. Wiley as chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture.

The first "poison squad," of which young Lathan was a member, was the result of Dr. Wiley's idea, developed in 1903, of feeding to a class of especially selected young men volunteering as subjects for experimentation, chemicals commonly found in foods "doctored" to further preservation.

THE WRITERS.

Emilio Pardo Bazan, the Spanish novelist, has been appointed professor of literature in the Athenaeum of Madrid.

Norman Duncan, the writer of sea stories, will make his home in Lawrence, Kan. He does not, however, expect to give up writing stories of the sea, but will spend his summers, at least, on the water.

It is said that Gabrielle d'Annunzio has weariied of literature and now aspires to become a great inventor. His discoveries up to date are a new system for bicycles, which does away with the rubber tire, and a sure cure for baldness. The discoverer is still very bald.

The new Russian novelist who writes under the name of Ivan Strannik is in private life Mme. Antichoff, her husband being a professor in the University of Kiev. She writes in French entirely, because, as she explains, she liked to say freely what she thought, a thing impossible up to the present in Russia.

VANITY'S VISIONS.

How Changes Are Running on All White Frocks—Schoolgirls' Glee.

Instead of the all white frock many of the lace and chiffon dresses are made with little boleros of bright colored silk or satin, from which long vest ends hang to the knee of the skirt. When desired the gown may be finished complete without this little bolero. Black evening gowns will be invariably trimmed with jet and sequins, the somber effect being relieved by a narrow lace or tulle tucker around the décolleté, while the sash is carried out in black panne with heavy jet tassels.

Braiding is to take the place of embroideries on street costumes. On many of the handsome silk and cloth jackets there is a combination of braid work and embroidery that is most attractive.

For wear with tailor made clothes the plaid silk skirt is very popular, finished with self trimmings. For elaborate street gowns the plaid silk skirts are trimmed with plain silk, lace braid work and embroidery.

All dark waist should have a touch of white at the collar and cuffs. Short sleeves render the white cuff unnecessary, but white at the throat is obligatory.

Very smart is the hat pictured. It suggests Scotland both in the plaided fans that decorate the upturned brim and the sort of plaid silk encircling the crown. Quills and choux of velvet build up the back.

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BIRD OF FEASTING.

The Turkey For Thanksgiving and Other Joyful Days.

By T. F. M'GREW, New York city.

The bronze turkey undoubtedly holds the post of honor among fowls of its kind. It probably originated from a cross between the wild and the tame turkey. Its beautiful rich plumage and its size have come from its wild progenitor. To maintain these desirable qualities crosses are continually made. In this way the mammoth size has been gained. The standard weight ranges from sixteen to thirty pounds, according to age and sex. Probably more of this variety are grown each year than of all others. They have been pushed on all sides, almost to the exclusion of all others.

President Palma is said to have saved \$25,000 a year while in office.

John B. Henderson, senator from Missouri from 1862 to 1869, is living in Washington, eighty years of age.

Dr. Alexander Petrunkevitch, head of the department of zoology at the Indiana university, is a member of the Russian nobility.

Chandler (Okla.) asserts that Mayor Gulick of that city, who is almost a seven footer, is the tallest chief executive of any city in the two territories.

D. O. Mills is one of the few remaining forty-niners and one of New York's best citizens, director in twenty big corporations and prominent in philanthropy. Mr. Mills is eighty-one.

William Lee, who practically refused a fortune in declining to publish "Uncle Tom's Cabin" when Harriet Beecher Stowe asked him to, is still living at Hampton, N. H. He was formerly the senior partner of the publishing firm of Lee & Shepard.

Professor Henry C. Adams, head of the new department of statistics and accounts in the Interstate commerce commission, is not a new man in statistical work. Since 1887 he has been figuring for the Interstate commerce commission and has written a number of books on finance and economics.

Senator Lodge is one of the prominent political leaders in Massachusetts who declines to be listed as a telephone subscriber. He considers it important to have some period of complete rest while away from Washington, and in spite of the grumbling of lesser political workers the senator has never succumbed to the house phone.

One of the few living men who were really close to Grant is General C. C. Snifon, the new postmaster general of the army. General Snifon was one of the great commander's confidential secretaries in the White House and is believed to have a larger number of Grant manuscripts than any other person not a member of the Grant family.

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale has been elected president of the American Antiquarian society.

Rev. Dr. Clifford, the noted English divine, who has just celebrated his seventieth birthday, says he considers that at that age a man is just approaching his best.

With his heart set on the erection of a \$200,000 institutional church in Chicago, Charles Reign Scoville, the noted evangelist, is placing practically everything he earns into a fund for this purpose.

Bishop MacDonald of the Roman Catholic diocese of Harbor Grace, N. F., has been appointed archbishop of a titular see. He will shortly retire from active duties and will reside in Picton, N. S.

The church in New York where George Washington's pew is still to be seen, St. Paul's chapel, recently celebrated its one hundred and fortieth anniversary. The Father of His Country attended there regularly from 1789 to 1791.

LAW POINTS.

The right of a wife to make a valid gift causa mortis of all her property, thereby depriving her husband of any distributive share therein, is upheld in Wright versus Holmes (Me.), 8 L. R. A. (N. S.), 769.

An injury to the hand, superinduced by numbness resulting from using it as a head rest during sleep, is held in Aetna Life Insurance company versus Fitzgerald (Ind.), 1 L. R. A. (N. S.), 422, to be covered by insurance against injuries through external and accidental means.

An agreement by a partner that the goods of the firm may be paid for by the customer in commodities furnished for the partner's own benefit is held, in Eady versus Newton Coal and L. company (Ga.), 1 L. R. A. (N. S.), 650, to be void as beyond the scope of the partner's apparent authority.

Common Names.

Mary is the most common Christian name. Out of every thousand English people 68 are named Mary, 66 William, 62 John and 60 Eliza.

New York's Chamber of Commerce.

New York city has the oldest commercial corporation in the United States, the chamber of commerce, organized May 5, 1793, in historic Fraunce's tavern, where Washington had his headquarters and where he bid farewell to his officers after the Revolution.

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